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Little Snake Field Office  
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## **DOCUMENTATION OF LAND USE PLAN CONFORMANCE AND NEPA ADEQUACY**

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-CO-N010-2009-0031-DNA

PROJECT NAME: Duffy Mountain Campground Expansion

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T5N, R93W, Section 6

### **A. Describe the Proposed Action**

This proposal is to expand on the existing Duffy Mountain River Access campground to provide group facilities, including a group fire ring located within the Little Yampa Canyon Special Recreation Management Area (SRMA). Work includes installing fencing for the new group camping area, removing vegetation within a currently fenced area for the group campfire area, laying gravel for the campfire area, and installing two gates on the existing fence for access into the new group campfire and camping area.

A map of the area with campground expansions is attached as part of this project analysis.

### **B. Land Use Plan (LUP) Conformance**

LUP Name: Little Snake Resource Management Plan and Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: April 26, 1989

Final RMP/EIS, September 1986

Draft RMP/EIS, February 1986

The proposed action is in conformance with the applicable LUPs because it is specifically provided for in the following LUP decisions:

The Little Yampa Canyon area, 19,840 acres, was designated as a Special Recreation Management Area in the Little Snake Resource Management Plan Record of Decision in 1989.

### **C. Identify applicable NEPA documents and other related documents that cover the proposed action.**

Little Yampa Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record/Finding of No Significant Impact. (Environmental Assessment No. CO-016-95-048).

#### **D. NEPA Adequacy Criteria**

**1. Is the current proposed action substantially the same action (or is a part of that action) as previously analyzed? Is the current proposed action located at a site specifically analyzed in an existing document?**

Yes. The current proposed action is part of the approved actions in the Little Yampa Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record/FONSI. The proposed action is within the same location as the original EA.

**2. Is the range of alternatives analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s) appropriate with respect to the current proposed action, given current environmental concerns, interests, and resource values?**

Yes. The Little Yampa Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record/FONSI analyzed the environmental impacts of alternatives ranging from No Action to the Approved Actions, which include this proposed action.

**3. Is the existing analysis valid in light of any new information or circumstances?**

Yes. The Proposed Action would have no disproportionate impacts on minority populations or low income communities per Executive Order (EO) 12898 and would not adversely impact migratory birds per EO 13186.

No new, threatened or endangered plant or animal species have been identified on the site, and archeological clearances have been completed.

**4. Do the methodology and analytical approach used in the existing NEPA document(s) continue to be appropriate for the current proposed action?**

Yes. The Little Yampa Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record/FONSI methodology and analytical approach are appropriate to this proposed action.

**5. Are the direct and indirect impacts of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those identified in the existing NEPA document(s)? Does the existing NEPA document analyze site-specific impacts related to the current proposed action?**

Yes. The Little Yampa Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record/FONSI analyzed the direct, indirect, and site-specific impacts of the area covered under this present proposed action.

**6. Can you conclude without additional analysis or information that the cumulative impacts that would result from implementation of the current proposed action substantially unchanged from those analyzed in the existing NEPA document(s)?**

Yes. The Little Yampa Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record/FONSI addressed cumulative impacts. The cumulative impacts resulting from the current proposed action are unchanged from those analyzed in the original EA.

**7. Are the public involvement and interagency review associated with existing NEPA document(s) adequately for the current proposed action?**

Yes. All public involvement and interagency review associated with The Little Yampa Canyon Recreation Area Management Plan and Decision Record/FONSI are adequate to this proposed action.

**E. Interdisciplinary Analysis:** Identify those team members conducting or participating in the preparation of this worksheet.

Name	Title	Resource Represented	Initials/Date
Kimberly Miller	Outdoor Recreation Planner	Recreation/Travel Management	KMM 8/06/09
Robyn Morris	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Concerns	RWM 8/6/09
Louise McMinn	Realty Specialist	Environmental Justice	LM 2/12/09
Ole Olsen	Natural Resource Specialist	Invasive Non-native Species	OO 2/14/09
Tim Novotny	Wildlife Biologist	Migratory Birds	TMN 8/05/09
Ole Olsen	Natural Resource Specialist	Wetlands/Riparian Zones	OO 2/14/09
Ole Olsen	Natural Resource Specialist	Water and Soils Quality - Surface	OO 2/14/09
Hunter Seim	Rangeland Management Specialist	BLM Sensitive and T&E Plants	JHS 8/4/09
Marilyn Wegweiser	Geologist/Paleontologist	Paleontology	MDW 4/15/09
Louise McMinn	Realty Specialist	Realty Authorizations	LM 8/11/09
Tim Novotny	Wildlife Biologist	Wildlife, Aquatic and Terrestrial	TMN 8/05/09

**REMARKS:**

**CULTURAL RESOURCES:**

**Affected Environment:** Cultural resources, in this region of Colorado, range from late Paleo-Indian to Historic. For a general understanding of the cultural resources in this area of Colorado, see *An Overview of Prehistoric Cultural Resources, Little Snake Resource Area, Northwestern Colorado*, Bureau of Land Management Colorado, Cultural Resources Series, Number 20, *An Isolated Empire, A History of Northwestern Colorado*, Bureau of Land Management Colorado, Cultural Resource Series, Number 2 and *Colorado Prehistory: A Context for the Northern Colorado River Basin*, Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists.

**Environmental Consequences:** The proposed project, Duffy Mountain Campground expansion, has undergone a Class III cultural resource survey:

Parks, Erin

2009 Class III Cultural Resource Inventory of the Duffy Mountain Campground Expansion. M.S. on file BLM, Little Snake Field Office (BLM 10.45.09)

The survey identified no eligible to the National Register of Historic Places cultural resources. The proposed project may proceed as described with the following mitigative measures in place.

**Mitigative Measures:** The following standard stipulations apply for this project:

1. The operator is responsible for informing all persons who are associated with the operations that they will be subject to prosecution for knowingly disturbing historic or archaeological sites, or for collecting artifacts. If historic or archaeological materials are encountered or uncovered during any project activities, the operator is to immediately stop activities in the immediate vicinity of the find and immediately contact the authorized officer (AO) at (970) 826-5000.

Within five working days, the AO will inform the operator as to:

- Whether the materials appear eligible for the National Register of Historic Places;
- The mitigation measures the operator will likely have to undertake before the identified area can be used for project activities again; and
- Pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(g) (Federal Register Notice, Monday, December 4, 1995, Vol. 60, No. 232) the holder of this authorization must notify the AO, by telephone at (970) 826-5000, and with written confirmation, immediately upon the discovery of human remains, funerary items, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony. Further, pursuant to 43 CFR 10.4(c) and (d), you must stop activities in the vicinity of the discovery and protect it for 30 days or until notified to proceed by the authorized officer.

2. If the operator wishes, at any time, to relocate activities to avoid the expense of mitigation and/or the delays associated with this process, the AO will assume responsibility for whatever recordation and stabilization of the exposed materials may be required. Otherwise, the operator will be responsible for mitigation costs. The AO will provide technical and procedural guidelines for the conduct of mitigation. Upon verification from the AO that the required mitigation has been completed, the operator will then be allowed to resume construction.

Name of specialist and date: Robyn Watkins Morris July 16, 2009

## **NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS CONCERNS**

A letter was sent to the Uinta and Ouray Tribal Council, Southern Ute Tribal Council, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council on May 5, 2008. The letter listed the FY08 and FY09 projects that the BLM would notify them on and projects that would not require notification. A followup phone call was performed on June 16, 2008. No comments were received (Letter on file at the Little Snake Field Office). This project requires no additional notification.

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## PALEONTOLOGY

The operator is responsible for informing all persons in the areas who are associated with this project of the requirements for protecting paleontological resources. Paleontological resources found on the public lands are recognized by the BLM as constituting a fragile and nonrenewable scientific record of the history of life on earth, and so represent an important and critical component of America's natural heritage. These resources are afforded protection under **43 CFR §3802 and §3809**, and penalties possible for the collection of vertebrate fossils are under **43 CFR §8365.1-5**. The operator will report all occurrences of paleontological resources discovered to the appropriate surface management AO with the Little Snake Field Office of the BLM.

Name of specialist and date: Marilyn D. Wegweiser, 4/15/09

## Conclusion

Based on the review documented above, I conclude that this proposal conforms to the applicable land use plan and that the NEPA documentation fully covers the proposed action and constitutes BLM's compliance with the requirements of NEPA.

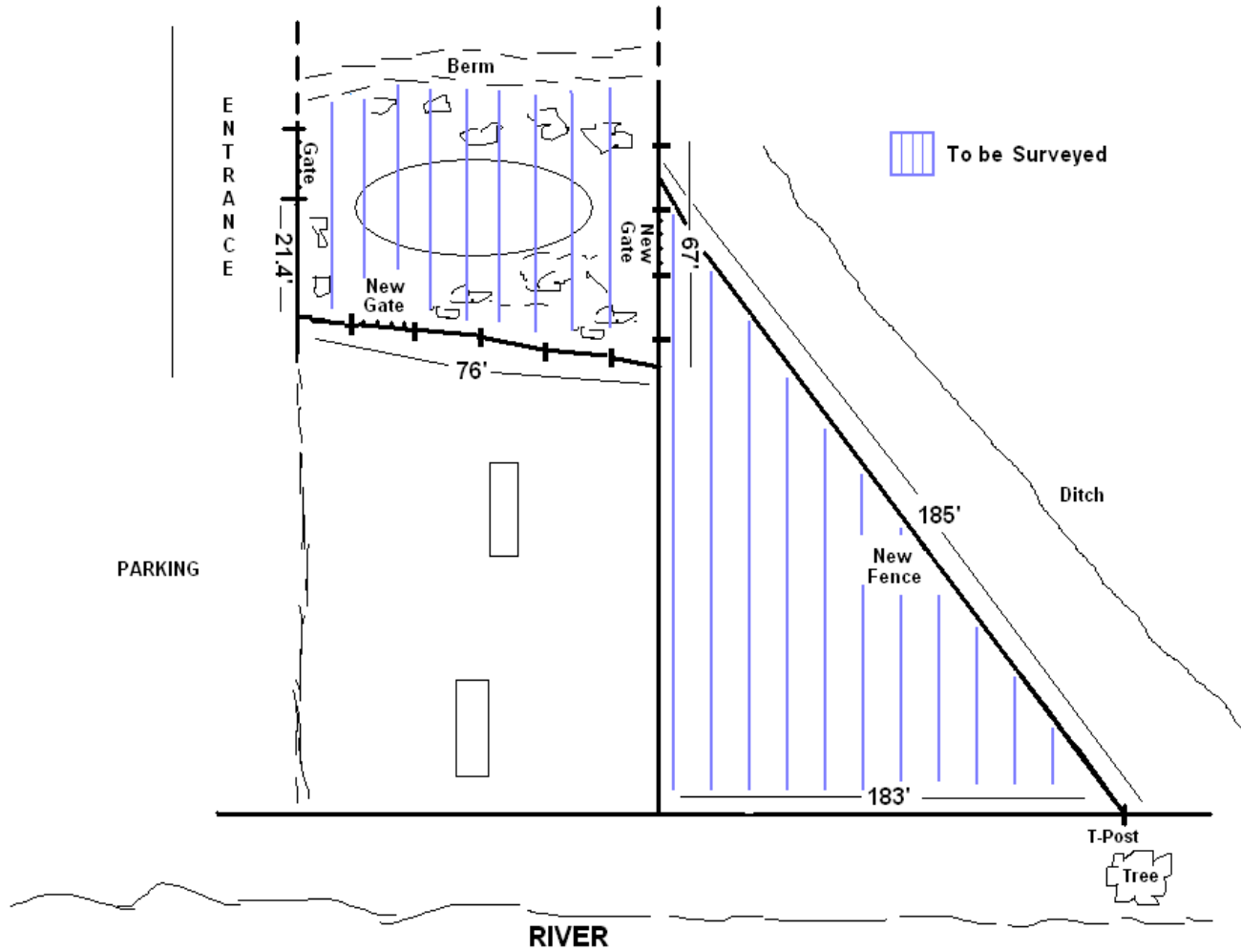
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Signature of NEPA Coordinator\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Authorizing Official\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Note: The signed Conclusion on this document is part of an interim step in the BLM's internal decision process and does not constitute an appealable decision.

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